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1. In April 1951, the Bucher Kaserne in Dresden (N 52/F 29) quartered from 1,300 to 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered green epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. The troops were engaged primarily in firing practice. Vehicles occupied by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets, were observed in the billeting area. (1) 25X1C

2. In April, the Bucher Kaserne was occupied to capacity by 800 to 1,000 troops who seemed to belong to two units. The personnel of one unit wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and those of the other unit wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia.

3. Although the troops in the Luftkriegsschule in Dresden-Klotzsche wore red-bordered green epaulets prior to 17 April and dark blue-bordered crimson epaulets on and after 18 April, source believed that the troops were still the same. On seven days of observation prior to 3 May, the installation was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops, and had a kennel with from 50 to 80 dogs. The troops were engaged in combat training, firing practice, and in dog training. 25X1C

They were driven and occupied by soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. (2) 25X1C

4. In April, the Ursuline Convent in Erfurt (M 51/I 36) housed an IGB office which was staffed by 40 men who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Personnel with red-bordered green epaulets were no longer observed there. 25X1C was parked in front of the convent. In mid-April, the Soviet residential area on Strasse der Einheit was still occupied by dependents and officers who wore black-bordered red epaulets. An office staffed by about 20 soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets and an unknown number of Volkspolizei was located on Regierungstrasse.

5. In late April, the Reil Kaserne in Halle (M 52/D 92) was occupied by about 300 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Sixty-two officers and men were seen in the billeting area during a five-hour period. 25X1A did not recognize any of the soldiers wearing red epaulets, he was inclined to believe that the personnel were not the same as those whom he had previously seen wearing green epaulets. 25X1C

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[redacted] were identified at the installation. (3)

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6. In late April, the former Kutscher factory in Schwarzenberg (N 51/K 52) seemed to house a regimental headquarters. Source arrived at this conclusion because he saw numerous officers there and learned from a German employee that a regimental flag was flown at the factory building. The factory quartered about 300 troops, almost all of whom were so-called Stalin trainees. The troops have been wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets since the beginning of April. The unit is also referred to as a border guard unit and had not less than 10 trained dogs. It had subordinate units in Raschau, Grondorf (N 52/A 35), Antonshoehe, Johanngeorgenstadt, Antonsthal, Aue, and Niederschlema. It was said that more units were located in Annaberg and Riebenstock. The troops were engaged primarily in firing practice. No heavy weapons were observed. The officers of the unit in the Kutscher factory were billeted in the so-called Messer Hirsch [redacted]

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[redacted] were observed at the factory.

Because the unit's bills were paid from Gera (N 51/K 06), [redacted] the unit in the Kutscher factory was subordinate to a headquarters in Gera. (4)

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7. A company of troops with black-bordered crimson epaulets was quartered in a new building in Raschau (N 51/K 62), four km southeast of Schwarzenberg, on the Raschau-Poehlitz road. Another unit of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, which had been quartered in the Freitag metal enameling works until mid-April, moved to newly constructed buildings in Raschau. The unit was employed in mines and the ore-washing plants (F-2). (5)

8. In late April, a unit of about 120 men, who had changed from red-bordered green epaulets to black-bordered crimson epaulets, was quartered in a new building in Grondorf.

9. In April, a unit subordinate to the regiment in the Kutscher factory, was quartered in a newly constructed company building in Antonshoehe, which is a new settlement on the forest road from Antonsthal to Wittersgruen. (6) Another unit of soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets was quartered in a new barracks building in Antonsthal. [redacted] with this unit in Antonsthal [redacted]

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10. In April, a company of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was quartered in the Adler Hotel, Breitenbrunn (N 51/K 52), and assigned to work in several mines. Other troops with red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in a newly constructed company building east of the Breitenbrunn railroad station. More troops with red-bordered black epaulets, who were assigned to work in mines, were billeted in a new barracks building, which was apparently capable of quartering a battalion and which was located about 500 meters northeast of the railroad station. (7)

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11. Six heavy AA guns, apparently German 88-mm AA guns, were emplaced on the southeastern perimeter of Steinheidcl (N 51/K 52). The [redacted] at the emplacements [redacted] (8)

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12. Six 37-mm AA guns in concrete emplacements were observed near Johanngeorgenstadt, near a newly built connecting road between Highway No 296 and the Johanngeorgenstadt Riebenstock road. [redacted]

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[redacted] were observed at the emplacement. (8)

A new barracks building in Johanngeorgenstadt quartered a company of soldiers who had changed from red-bordered green epaulets to black-bordered crimson epaulets and who were assigned to guard duty. Another troops quarters, apparently built to quarter a battalion, was located south of the town and was occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The former Heinze factory quartered two companies of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were employed in mines. (F-2). There were several other military quarters in Johanngeorgenstadt but no information on their occupation has been obtained.

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13. Six AA guns, apparently German 88-mm guns, were emplaced about 600 meters southeast of the municipal hospital on the road from the Aue slaughterhouse to Niederpfannenstiel. No other AA gun emplacements were located on the periphery of Aue. A new barracks building, capable of quartering two companies, was located south of the Aue-Schwarzenberg railroad line, near the road bridge to Niederpfannenstiel, and quartered an undetermined number of troops who now wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The administration building of the firm Wellner & Sons in Aue quartered troops of not less than battalion strength who wore red-bordered black epaulets. There are several other military installations in Aue, whose purpose has not been determined. (10)

25X1A 14. Two companies of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in a new barracks building in Oberschlema. The troops were assigned to guard and fatigue duty. [REDACTED] were any other military quarters in the town.

25X1C 15. A company barracks building just south of the Niederschlema railroad station was occupied by troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, having changed from red-bordered green epaulets. A [REDACTED] 25X1C [REDACTED] was observed with the troops. Another barracks building, capable of quartering about two companies, was located east of the ore-washing plant and quartered an undetermined number of troops 25X1C who continued to wear black-bordered red epaulets (sic). A [REDACTED] 25X1C [REDACTED] was observed at the installation. (11) Another large barracks building was located southeast of the ore-washing plant, just south of Talstrasse. Its occupation has not been determined.

16. In general, source stated that red-bordered black epaulets in the uranium mining area were only observed with AAA and labor units, the AAA troops also wearing artillery insignia. IGB personnel, who changed from red-bordered green epaulets to black-bordered crimson epaulets, were not assigned to any manual labor. (12)

25X1A [REDACTED] Comments.

(1) The information indicates no change in the occupation of the Bucher Kaserne. It is assumed that the unit there was just about to complete the change to the new black-bordered red epaulets. 25X1A

(2) The occupation of the Luftkriegsschule by IGB troops with blue-bordered red epaulets was previously reported by [REDACTED] This is the only source who describes the new red epaulets as being blue-bordered. Contrary to the strength estimate of source in the present report, the IGB unit is believed to be of battalion size. In addition to the unit, the Luftkriegsschule quarters an air force unit.

25X1A (3) The occupation of the Reil Kaserne has not changed. The personnel have the new epaulets and had not been exchanged, as [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A (4) The Kutscher factory has been occupied by an IGB unit for a long time. A document found there in November 1949 mentioned the supply company of the 141st Rifle Regt. [REDACTED] The regimental headquarters reportedly located in the factory may be the Hq 141st Rifle Regt. The designation border guard unit is indicative of a regiment of the border guard troops who wore green epaulets prior to April 1951. There have been no indications that the IGB regiment might be subordinate to a headquarters in Gera.

25X1A (5) The newly constructed barracks in Raschau quartered only a guard detail of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets in August 1950. [REDACTED]

25X1A (6) The barracks building in Antonshoene has been carried as belonging to the post at Antonsthal. [REDACTED]

(7) The Adler Hotel in Breitenbrunn allegedly quartered an IGB company in [REDACTED]

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- 25X1C (3) August 1950. [REDACTED] the AA guns were manned by personnel of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 6th Gds, which has been repeatedly identified in the uranium mining area.
- 25X1A (9) About one battalion of LGB troops was confirmed in Johanngeorgenstadt in September 1950. [REDACTED]
- 25X1A (10) The only barracks installation in the Hue area, which was previously reported to have quartered LGB personnel, was located on the Hue-Schneeberg road. [REDACTED]
- (11) The series belongs to an unidentified component of the First Gds Mocz Army.
- (12) No Soviet labor troops have been previously observed in the uranium mining area. [REDACTED] it has been determined 25X1C
- 25X1C that about 250 vehicles [REDACTED]
- 25X1C [REDACTED] belong to a unit which has been observed primarily in the uranium mining area and in connection with uranium mining. Most of these vehicles were driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. It is therefore believed that this unit is affiliated with the labor troops mentioned in the present report.

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